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Many thanks for your kind replies to my ~~letter~~ letters.

Captain Binstead has written to me urging for more funds in Lloyds. I wonder if you could represent our case to Sri Menon and Mr. Buch and get a sum of at least £ 10,000. allotted for transfer. I shall be much obliged if your good self can do something in the matter.

As for the suggestion you have made for the carrying on of administration during my absence, I shall place both these for consideration with Sri Menon. I feel that in case first alternative is adopted it will be useful to have the Minister of Law also in it, so that there will be four people instead of three.

I have completed the State Tour. It was an overwhelmingly great success. The Chief Minister and others were astonished at the love and regard people displayed and they openly acknowledged that some of the parts of the State we toured was the first time they had ever been there. As the Chief Minister remarked, he said he never knew that Mysore had such a big population until this tour with me and said in several ways it was an eye-opener to him. I am not going to South India as programmed because of my health. I developed a fever and a bad tooth in Madras. It has now been pulled out and I am having a little rest before Karnatic tour.

I am anxious to have 4 or 6 weeks or even 5 weeks leave after Dasara. I have been carefully considering where I should spend it. Four

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alternatives suggest themselves to me: (i) North Africa - Egypt down to Nairobi and back: or (ii) the Belgian Congo (iii) the Far East (iv) South Africa. These four places suggest themselves because I have not many friends there to worry me for parties, Speeches etc., and I can be leisurely in doing things. As Egypt will be very pleasant in November, it may be worth while to spend a holiday there or in the Congo, which again will be a new part of the world, or South Africa: and I can really have a rest.

In any case my stay will not exceed four or five weeks, six is the maximum. I feel I want a holiday very badly. I however await your reactions. If you agree, the Government of India may be then approached. I have been too long in one place for my own good and I cannot say how refreshing it was for me to travel even in Madras Province , though hot it certainly was; but the change was like a tonic. So if I can really get four weeks off, I shall feel enormously better.

I shall thank you to drop me a line in reply.

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